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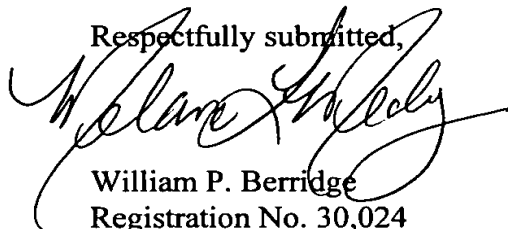
--124. A method for treating an obstruction in the prostatic portion of a male urethra, comprising inserting said device of claim 122 into the obstructed portion of the male urethra, thereby opening the obstructed urethra and allowing normal passage of urine.--

REMARKS

Claims 21-124 are pending. Claims 1-20 are canceled and claims 21-124 are added herein. The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten paragraph (37 C.F.R. §1.21(b)(iii)).

Early and favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

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Appendix

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APPENDIX

Changes to Specification:

Page 1, line 1, the title is added.

Page 1, lines 5-6, the subheadings "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION" and "1. Field of the Invention" are added.

Page 1, line 33, the subheading "2. Description of Related Art" is added.

Page 2, line 19, the subheading "SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION" is added.

Page 8, line 1, the subheading "BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS" is added.

Page 10, line 7, the subheading "DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS" is added.

The following are marked-up versions of the amended paragraphs:

Page 8, lines 9-16:

- Figures 2 and 3 each represents a therapeutic device according to the present invention, in a frontal view, with its upstream end at the top and its downstream end at the bottom; Figure 2 is ~~respectively~~ in its configuration before implantation, that is to say ready for use, and Figure 3 is in its configuration after implantation and activation, that is to say in the urethra, although the urethral ~~latter~~ is not represented in Figure 3;

Page 9, lines 2-7:

- Figures 10 and 11 represent, in axial section, another embodiment of a therapeutic device according to the present invention, before implantation, and, respectively, after implantation and activation in the urethra, the urethra~~latter~~ not being represented;

Page 19, lines 35-38:

- the flexible connection sleeve 16 between the tubular elements 3 and 14 can be perforated~~openworked~~, in a manner distributed about its perimeter, especially by longitudinal slots or windows;

Changes to Claims:

Claims 1-20 are canceled.

Claims 21-124 are added.